

Project 1 Restoration CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION

Total Requested: \$ 40,000.00

The BLM will provide personnel to designate delineate locations for restoration of OHV trails, tracks, and damage around protected cultural resource sites in the California portion of the BLM Colorado River District, to undertake required wildlife and archaeological surveys at sites in advance of restoration, and to complete required NEPA documentation for restoration. Grant funding will cover the contracted work on the ground to complete or promote desert habitat restoration around these cultural resource sites.

Detailed cost information is available on the Project Cost and Deliverables (PCD) Spreadsheet accompanying this document.

Proposed Project Description:

The Colorado River District (CRD) has the responsibility of managing BLM lands along the Colorado River from Davis Dam to the Mexican Border. Management of significant sites on the National Register of Historic Places, or those sites eligible for inclusion on the Register, have been increasingly compromised by motorized recreation that causes inadvertent damage. Significant cultural resources along the River now require increased protection from OHV travel and recreation to maintain remaining integrity of the resources and to allow natural regeneration of desert vegetation on cultural sites. An important tool for protecting these cultural resources is to place physical barriers or to create visual barriers (camouflage) to OHV travel and access. These barriers include natural barriers of large rocks, vertical mulching with plants and soil to hide or efface the vehicular tracks, post and cable barriers, and transplants of desert shrubs.

Accomplishments in FY 2005:

BLM seeks funding for this project from the OHMVR Commission and Division for the first time. However, BLM has already established protection barriers and restoration buffers at many sites along the Colorado River. Additional recent finds along the Colorado River need protection. Repairs to existing restoration buffers and barriers are necessary to protect these important cultural resources from additional damage.

Project 2A- Safety and Education

\$ 15,000.00

The BLM will provide personnel to develop and design needed interpretive panels. The main cost of the project is for contracted design, layout, and printing of panels on panel material appropriate to extreme desert conditions.

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Proposed Project Description:

The Colorado River District (CRD) has the responsibility of managing BLM lands along the Colorado River from Davis Dam to the Mexican Border. The management of significant sites, on the National Register of Historic Places, or those eligible for inclusion, has been compromised by inappropriate recreation causing inadvertent damage. Significant cultural resources along the River now require increased protection. Education is the most effective protection measure. One major avenue to protect these important resources is to provide interesting explanatory information about cultural resources to the public. The existing interpretive kiosks need updating and expanded information to improve or include Cultural Resources components to these kiosks.

Accomplishments in FY 2005:

Kiosks, signs and protection barriers have been placed at many of the sites along the Colorado River. Additional sites are unprotected, damaged and/or lack important interpretation. Additional interpretation panels are needed to improve the information available to the public to protect these important cultural resources from additional damage.

Project 2B- Safety and Education

OHV PLAYING CARDS

Total Requested: \$30,000.00

The BLM will provide personnel to assist in the creation of a professionally produced playing card package for distribution along with fee stickers and decals to OHV visitors to the BLM lands in the Colorado River Valley and the California Desert District. Funds for this project would support the printing and packaging of desert OHV playing cards.

Detailed cost information is available on the Project Cost and Deliverables (PCD) Spreadsheet accompanying this document.

Proposed Project Description:

The Colorado River District (CRD) has the responsibility of managing BLM lands along the Colorado River from Davis Dam to the Mexican Border. Within these lands significant Natural and Cultural Resources need protection. One educational tool for protection of these important natural and cultural resources in the desert and for spreading recreation safety tips is to create a deck of playing cards that can be handed out to OHV groups, especially, when they apply for their recreation permits. The playing cards would highlight OHV health and safety tips, desert wildlife and plants, cultural resources, and abandoned mine "stay out, stay alive" information.

The playing cards would encourage the public to be stewards of the resources that they encounter across the desert landscape. This project would be completed by a team consisting of BLM staff and partners to create the card package to go to the printing office.

Accomplishments in FY 2005:

The Sonoran Desert Invasive Species Council has created and printed playing cards that have been very popular with the public. The playing cards have "Native Plants" as the hearts, "What You Can Do" for the diamonds, "Did You Know" for the clubs and "Invasive Weeds" for the spades. These playing cards have been a great form of education for all age groups. This project transfers equivalent information of interest and important to OHV recreationists in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts in California.

**Project 2C Safety and Education
CULTURAL HERITAGE VIDEO**

Total Requested: \$45,000.00

The BLM will provide personnel to assist in the creation of a professional 20-minute video that would share information with the public about the cultural resource management program along the Colorado River.

Detailed cost information is available on the Project Cost and Deliverables (PCD) Spreadsheet accompanying this document.

Proposed Project Description:

The Colorado River District (CRD) has the responsibility of managing BLM lands along the Colorado River. Along the river significant Cultural Resources need protection. One useful educational tool for protection of these important resources is a professional-quality video. The video would highlight the Mojave and Sonoran Desert cultural resources from Davis Dam to the Mexican Border along with the BLM and California State efforts to preserve these important pieces of America's heritage. Topics covered in the video would include the Preserve America Initiative, the Antiquities Act Centennial Celebration, and the California State Historical Protection Program.

The management of significant sites on the National Register of Historic Places, or those eligible for inclusion in the Register, has been compromised by inadvertent damage from inappropriate damage. Protection of these sites is important and the goals of the video are to inform the public about their heritage resources and to share the tribal perspective on heritage resources with the public. The video would encourage the public to be active stewards of the cultural resources that they encounter across the landscape. This project would be completed by a professional film maker, BLM volunteers, tribal members, and BLM employees.

Accomplishments in FY 2005:

An equivalent 20-minute video created for the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard has been well received by the public and other Federal, State and local agencies. The video film format is one of the best forms of education and outreach to the public in today's technological age.